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Pressure-Tight Attachment
of an Elastomeric Tubular
Piece to a Connecting Part

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AmendmentHonorable Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed on April 9, 2003, please
amend the above-identified application as delineated below.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 4 to 6 are amended and now read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for force-tightly attaching a tubular
piece made of elastomeric material to a connecting part, the
method comprising the steps of:

pushing an open end of said tubular piece onto said
connecting part so that a pushed on end region of said tubular
piece is on said connecting part;

positioning a metal clamping ring around said tubular piece
at the pushed on end region thereof;